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DATE: May 2, 2001

PROPOSAL: The Director of the Urban Development Department has requested a review of the Action Plan: One-Year Use of Funds for HUD Entitlement Programs FY2001 for conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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PURPOSE: The Planning Commission is required to review the proposed plan for conformity with the Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the plan are available on file at the Urban Development and Planning Department.

ANALYSIS:

1. The *Consolidated Plan FY2000-FY2003 for HUD Entitlement Programs* was approved in June, 2000.
2. The one year *Action Plan* details the activities the City will undertake in the next fiscal year to address housing and community development needs and objectives with federal funding received from the CDBG, HOME, ESG, Public Housing Comprehensive Grant, Section 8, Supportive Housing Program, the Nebraska Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund, and the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority(NIFA) programs.
3. The *Consolidated Plan* is designed to meet the three major statutory goals of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HUD goals are to 1) provide decent housing; 2) provide a suitable living environment, and; 3) expand economic opportunities.
4. The programs designed to provide decent housing include assisting homeless persons with emergency shelter, preserving and retaining existing housing stock, providing affordable housing, and providing supportive housing to persons with special needs.
5. The programs addressing a suitable living environment include those that improve the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increase access to quality facilities and services; reduce the isolation of income groups in areas; revitalize deteriorating

neighborhoods; restore and preserve natural and physical features of special value; and conserve energy resources.

6. Programs to expand economic opportunities include those that create jobs accessible to low and very low income persons; provide access to credit; provide low income persons with improved job skills; help empower low income persons to achieve self sufficiency; provide supportive housing to enable families to work toward self sufficiency.
7. The following goals of the Comprehensive Plan are addressed by the programs and activities in the *Action Plan*

"Preserve and maintain the community's existing, useable housing stock."

"Provide public facilities and services to enhance the existing neighborhoods."

"Increase home ownership opportunities for households of different sizes and income levels."

"Increase cooperative public-private efforts targeted toward multi-use facilities and coordination of the design and delivery of a comprehensive range of public safety, health and human services."

"Encourage the development of housing that is appropriate to the requirements of households with special needs, including but not limited to, the elderly, the physically and/or mentally challenged, and households in crisis."

"Preserve, protect and promote the character and unique features of rural and urban neighborhoods, including their historical and architectural elements."

"Provide an environment for each neighborhood that promotes the safety and well-being of the residents and provides a sense of community."

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Finding that the *Consolidated Plan* and the *Action Plan* are in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

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Dear Jennifer:

This is to request that the following document: the City's FY 2001 Action Plan: One Year Use of Funds (plan for use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding in fiscal year beginning September 1, 2001), be placed on the May 16th Planning Commission agenda for review and approval as to its conformance to the Comprehensive Plan.

If you have any questions about this, please call me at 441-7861.

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